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Court blocks Shore development

Plans to turn a 275-acre farm near Chestertown into a housing development got a setback this week when Maryland's highest court said Queen Anne's County officials had improperly approved the project. Now residents there may get to find out if their publicly adopted growth plans have any teeth.

Baltimore Sun



EPA launches Chesapeake Bay TMDL site

The EPA's mid-Atlantic region today announced the launch of a website dedicated to the Chesapeake Bay Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) -- a major initiative to protect and restore the Chesapeake Bay and local waters. The website allows the public to stay tuned to key developments, draft work products, schedules of public meetings and events, and have questions answered about the process.

Water World



Denver's Aria raises the bar for smart, sustainable neighborhoods

"Denver wants to be the kind of place that brings a lot of innovative ideas," [says Denver mayor John Hickenlooper](#). "What could be more innovative than to build a totally green, pre-fab, multiple-unit community on the site of a convent? This is going to be a great development. I think it brings to Denver just the kind of development that we want to be known for."

NRDC



Walkable neighborhoods are worth more

Now, the good folks at CEOs for Cities have taken it on themselves to ask -- does Walk Score mean anything for real estate values? Are people really willing to pay more to live in a place where they can do daily errands on foot, rather than in a car? According to their new report, "Walking the Walk" the answer is an emphatic yes.

Sightline Daily



Construction and CAFOs likely focus of EPA crackdown on Bay

New tools to clean up the Chesapeake Bay being considered by the Obama Administration include the possibility of strict controls for construction runoff and tighter regulations on concentrated animal feeding operations.

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